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2005 POULTRY PRODUCTION AND VALUE

WEST VIRGINIA -- The **combined value of production and value of sales** from broilers, eggs, turkeys, and the value of sales from chickens in 2005, was \$222.7 million, up 2 percent from the combined value of \$219.0 million in 2004. Of the combined total, 73 percent was from broilers, 14 percent from eggs, 12 percent from turkeys and less than 1 percent from sales of other chickens.

There were 88.5 million **broilers produced** in West Virginia during 2005, 2 percent more than in 2004. Total live weight was 362.9 million pounds, up from 354.2 million pounds in 2004. Value of production totaled \$163.3 million, up 5 percent from \$155.8 million in 2004. The average live weight equivalent price of 45.0 cents per pound was up 1.0 cent from the previous year.

Turkeys raised in West Virginia totaled 2.4 million, down 25 percent from 2004. Total live weight was 60.2 million pounds, down 15 percent from 2004. Value of production totaled \$27.7 million, down 7 percent from 2004. The average live weight equivalent price was 46.0 cents per pound, up 4.0 cents from the 2004 price.

Egg production in West Virginia totaled 261 million eggs during 2005, down 4 percent from 273 million eggs in 2004. The average price per dozen was 140.0 cents, down 2.0 cents from 2004. The total value of production was \$30.5 million, down 6 percent from \$32.3 million in 2004.

The **number of chickens sold** (excluding broilers) totaled 1.62 million head, down 2 percent of the number sold in 2004. The number of pounds sold was 12.5 million pounds, up 1 percent from 2004. Value of sales totaled \$1.2 million, up 5 percent from 2004. Prices averaged 9.4 cents per pound, compared with 9.1 cents in 2004.

UNITED STATES -- The **combined value of production** from broilers, eggs, turkeys, and the value of sales from chickens in 2005, was \$28.2 billion, down 2 percent from the \$28.9 billion in 2004. Of the combined total, 74 percent was from broilers, 14 percent from eggs, 11 percent from turkeys, and less than 1 percent from chickens.

The value of **broilers produced** during 2005 was \$20.9 billion, up 2 percent from 2004. The total number of broilers produced in 2005 was 8.87 billion, up 1 percent from 2004. The total amount of live weight broilers produced in 2005 was 47.9 billion pounds, up 5 percent from 2004. The 2005 average price per pound on a live weight equivalent basis was 43.6 cents per pound, compared with 44.6 cents in 2004.

Value of all **egg production** in 2005 was \$4.04 billion, down 24 percent from the \$5.30 billion in 2004. Egg production totaled 90.0 billion eggs, up 1 percent from the 89.1 billion eggs produced in 2004. In 2005, all eggs averaged 53.9 cents per dozen, compared with 71.4 cents in 2004.

The value of **turkeys produced** during 2005 was \$3.23 billion, up 5 percent from the \$3.07 billion the previous year. Turkey production in 2005 totaled 7.21 billion pounds, down 1 percent from the 7.30 billion pounds produced in 2004. The average price received by producers during 2005 was 44.9 cents per pound, compared with 42.0 cents in 2004.

The value of **sales from chickens** (excluding broilers) in 2005 was \$64.6 million, up 12 percent from the \$57.6 million a year ago. Prices averaged 6.5 cents per pound, compared with 5.8 cents in 2004. The number of chickens sold in 2005 totaled 193 million, up 1 percent from the total sold during the previous year.